



Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program
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Via Electronic Message and Hand-Delivery

Dear Ms. McElligott:

On behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program, as mandated under the Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and the Cook County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff's Office") authorizing prescription drug take back collection and disposal services for forty-five (45) designated municipal jurisdictions in suburban Cook County, attached please find the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Program Evaluation.

The report spans December 1, 2017 through November 27, 2018. We have used this period in order to achieve a twelve month evaluation period. Use of data from December 2017 is not duplicative of past data reporting provided to the MWRD. We will provide a revised report for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, reflecting the actual IGA time frame as soon as that data is available. In the meantime, we believe that the report that we are providing to you today presents important information as to what we have jointly accomplished in Fiscal Year 2018 and builds on a larger set of accomplishments dating back to the first agreement beginning in 2016.

Our conclusions from the collection data are two-fold:

- 1) Collections from 2017 and 2018 are comparable in quantity. In 2017, approximately 7,775 pounds of pharmaceutical drugs were collected through the Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program in partnership with 45 approved law enforcement jurisdictions. In 2018, with some sites yet to be collected for November, we are already at 7,398 pounds collected. This has resulted in more than an estimated 7,911,515 pills diverted from Illinois waterways thus far in 2018. When combined with our 2017, the two-year total rises to 16,962,972 diverted pills or 15,173.5 diverted pounds.
- 2) With a solid frame work in place, the next step is to increase visibility and public education. To that end, we are working on a direct mail campaign to promote the Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program in targeted communities to encourage use of the permanent collection sites as well as our new mail-back service. We are also updating our webpage to encourage scheduling of more community events and to link municipalities to our site to

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increase visibility. We will also ask underperforming villages to model their promotion efforts along the lines of their more active counterparts. If some villages can produce 350 pounds per year, we will focus on those that are producing under 50 pounds.

Thank you in advance for continuing support of the Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program. As you will recall our duties with the Take Back Program include the development of a registration fee for Producers operating in Cook County. We are in the early phases of preparing rules for the registration fee and collection of it. The renewal of our Intergovernmental Agreement would be most helpful to continue the work that we began in 2016 while we proceed with the rulemaking process.

We hope our report and our continued partnership will be favorably received by the MWRD. Please contact me as to any questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Horne

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